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1. From 5 June to about 5 July 1954, a fair entitled "Progress of Democratic Germany" (Entwicklung des demokratischen Deutschlands) is to be held in Moscow. Three halls in Moscow's Gorky Park, with a total of about 7,000 square meters of floor space, are to be used. The first hall is to feature the social and political advances made by East Germany, especially since 1945. The second hall is to have stands exhibiting products of the most representative VEB's. The third hall will have stands displaying individual products believed to have especially great prestige value; but its main feature will be a political exhibition headed by the slogan "The Fight for German Unity."
2. The fair is being sponsored jointly by the East German Ministry for Foreign Affairs, which is responsible for the social and political aspects, and by the East German Ministry for Foreign Trade, which will handle the commercial angle. About 100 officials, mostly technical-commercial experts of the various VEB's, DIA, and the Foreign Trade Ministry, will travel to Moscow for the duration of the fair. The Chief of the East German delegation is Wilhelm Weissner of the East German Foreign Ministry. The commercial and sales angle will be handled by a "Collective" under Bittner (fnu) of the East German Foreign Trade Ministry, with Adam (fnu) as his deputy for organization. Adam is a member of the Foreign Trade Chamber and has already had experience organizing a similar show in Peiping.
3. Plans are also under way for a series of East German fashion shows in connection with the fair, but difficulties regarding the choice and number of fashions and models have not yet been overcome. In addition, a typical German beer tent with East German beer on tap is to be erected on or adjoining the fair grounds.
4. The 90 to 100 technical-commercial experts of the VEB's and DIA who are to attend the fair have been briefed by Deputy Director Alfred Knapp of the Foreign Trade Chamber, as well as by other leading officials of the East German Foreign Ministry and Foreign Trade Ministry. Most of them are to fly to Moscow via the regularly scheduled flight from the East Berlin Schoenefeld Airfield, departing from Berlin from 12 through 16 or 17 May. They were told that arrangements were being made to billet all

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members of the German delegation at one of Moscow's best hotels (name not given), or, if this were not feasible, to split them up and have them assigned to two or three hotels. No single rooms were available for any delegation members. The amount of per diem has not yet been decided, but delegation members were told that it would allow them to represent the East German Republic in a suitable and dignified manner. A tentative figure of 120 rubles per day was mentioned in this connection. They would be allowed to take their cameras, but all film would have to be bought locally in Moscow. They were cautioned not to take any pictures of possible military targets, including "public buildings"; but the Kremlin itself was classified as a "historic" rather than a "public" building, and therefore photographing of the Kremlin is permitted. Visits to the theater, opera, and ballet are being encouraged but must always be made in groups. Delegates must at all times be in groups of at least two, and no walks or appointments are to be made by delegation members alone. Any invitations tendered by Soviet nationals to individuals are to be refused as tactfully as possible. Should this be impossible, all efforts are to be made to include other members of the delegation. If for some reason this cannot be arranged, the delegation chief is to be notified of the invitation, and it is to be accepted only after his express approval has been obtained.

5. Two items were expressly declared taboos: (1) In order to avoid friction, German veterans must not discuss their Russian war experiences with any Russians; (2) Members of the German delegation must strictly refrain from "picking up" or accosting Russian women, regardless of how attractive they seem. Any affair, or liaison, or casual "pick-up" that comes to the attention of the authorities will bring disciplinary action (the nature of this action was not specified).
6. The members of the German delegation, a majority of whom belong to the SED, do not anticipate many bookings of export orders at this fair since they consider the event largely a political one. However, they hope that some export items can thus be brought to the attention of Soviet and Satellite authorities in time for inclusion in the 1955 East German export plan.

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